



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 20, 2002

H.R. 5108

A bill to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

As reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5108 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of H.R. 5108 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 5108 would add lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians to the list of lands that could be leased for up to 99 years. Under current law, these tribes may only enter into leases on lands in trust that do not exceed 25 years. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO expects that implementing this change in lease terms could result in a small administrative cost savings to that agency because of less frequent lease renewals. However, CBO estimates that any such savings would be less than \$500,000 a year over the 2003-2007 period.

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